



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Cunningham et al.
Serial No: 09/543,612
Filed: April 5, 2000
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR MEASURING THE MASS
OF A SUBSTANCE

Confirmation No.: 6510
Group: 2856
Examiner: Chapman, Jr., John E.
Docket No.: DR-308J

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Wynne D. Janis

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN THE THIRD MONTH

Applicants respectfully petition that they be granted an extension of time within the third month, until February 12, 2006, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a), and 1.7, to file a Response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2006. Since February 12, 2006 was a Sunday, this Petition is timely filed on Monday, February 13, 2006. Our check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed for the fee for a small entity to obtain this extension.

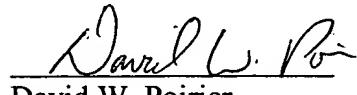
If for any reason this Petition is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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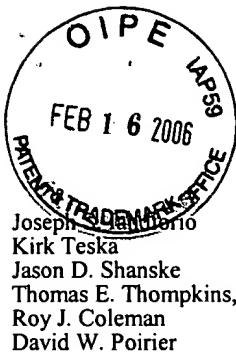
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a PETITION for Extension of Time within the Third Month to reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2005 in the subject application. As February 12, 2006 was a Sunday, this petition is timely filed on Monday, February 13, 2006. This Petition for Extension of Time is filed to enable the filing of a divisional application that claims priority to this subject application.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the fee for a small entity to obtain the extension.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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